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SUBJECT: LATVIA WILL NOT SIGN THE CONVENTION ON CLUSTER
MUNITIONS, WILL ATTEND MEETING

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Classified By: Ambassador Charles W. Larson Jr. for reason 1.4(b)

[¶](#)1. (C) Poleconoff delivered reftel demarche to Ieva Jirgensone, the MFA's Acting Head of the Arms Proliferation Division. Jirgensone stated that Latvia will participate in the Oslo conference as observers only, however, the GOL will not sign the convention. Of biggest concern to the GOL was interoperability with NATO, which was addressed to their satisfaction in Article 21. Jirgensone stated that the GOL is intereted to understand the U.S. perspective on the future use of Article 21.

[¶](#)2. (C) Jirgensone stated that they had contacted regional counterparts concerning the convention and neither Poles nor Estonians will sign, but Lithuanians are planning to.
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